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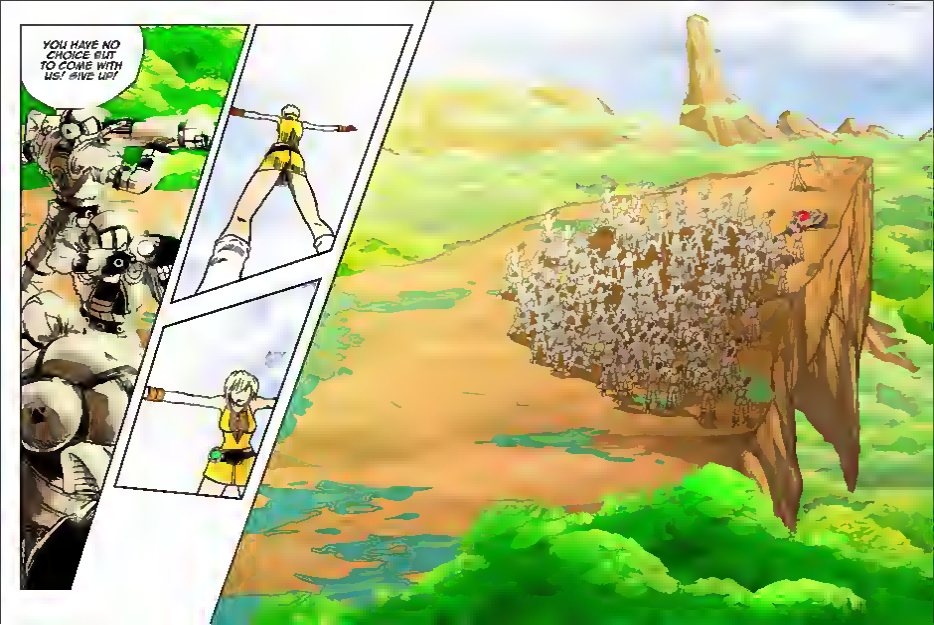
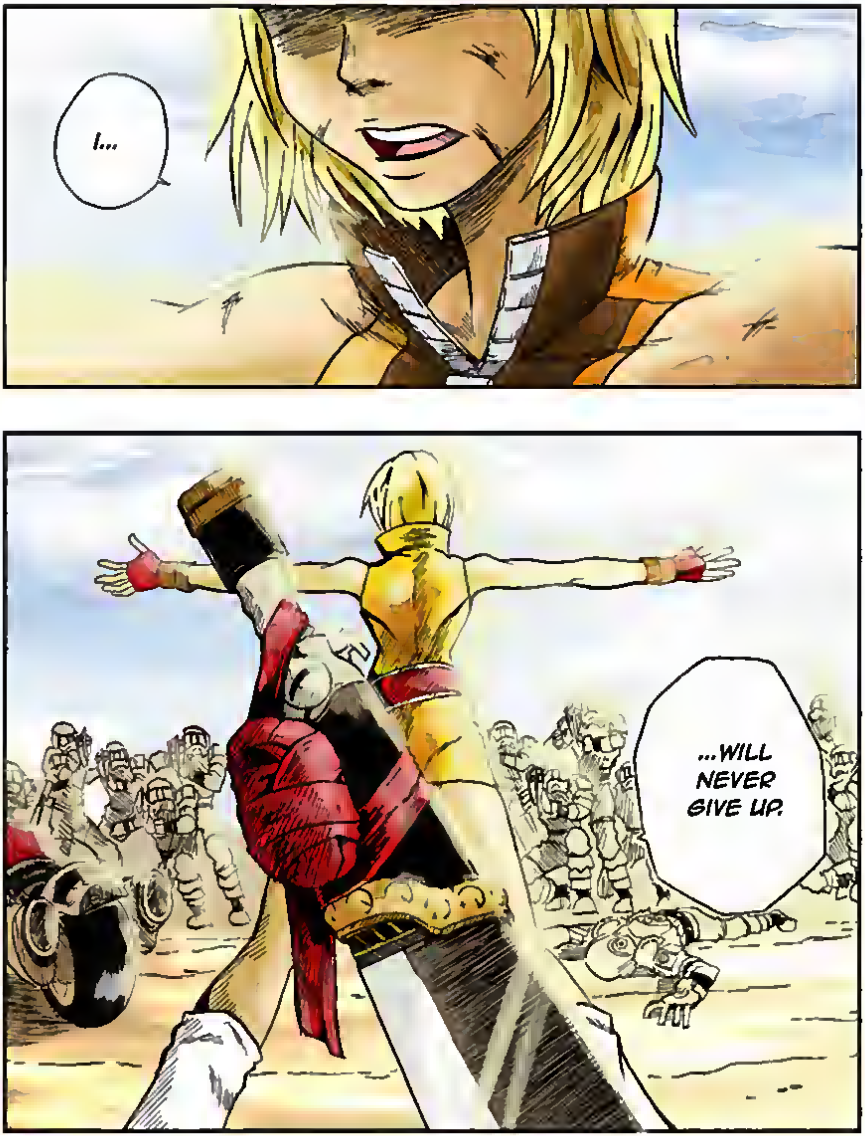

YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO COME WITH US! GIVE UP!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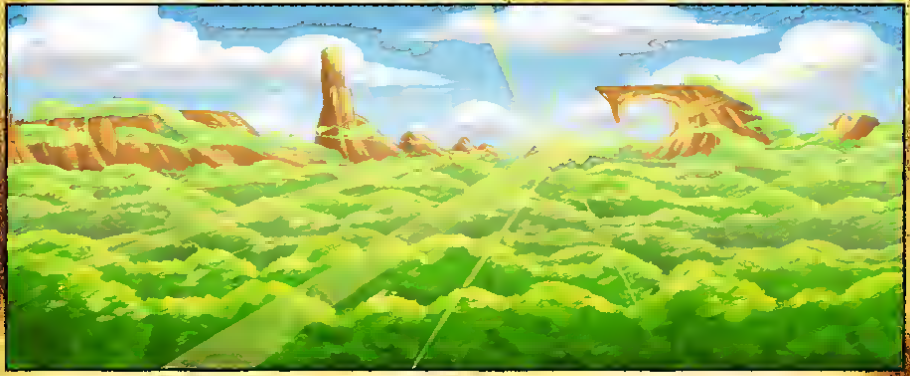
...WILL NEVER GIVE UP.



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SLASH ACT 1

"FREEDOM"

YOU GOT NOWHERE TO RUN, PUNY MAN!
REALLY?
WELL I'M NOT THE ONE WITH HOOVES!
TA
DUM!!

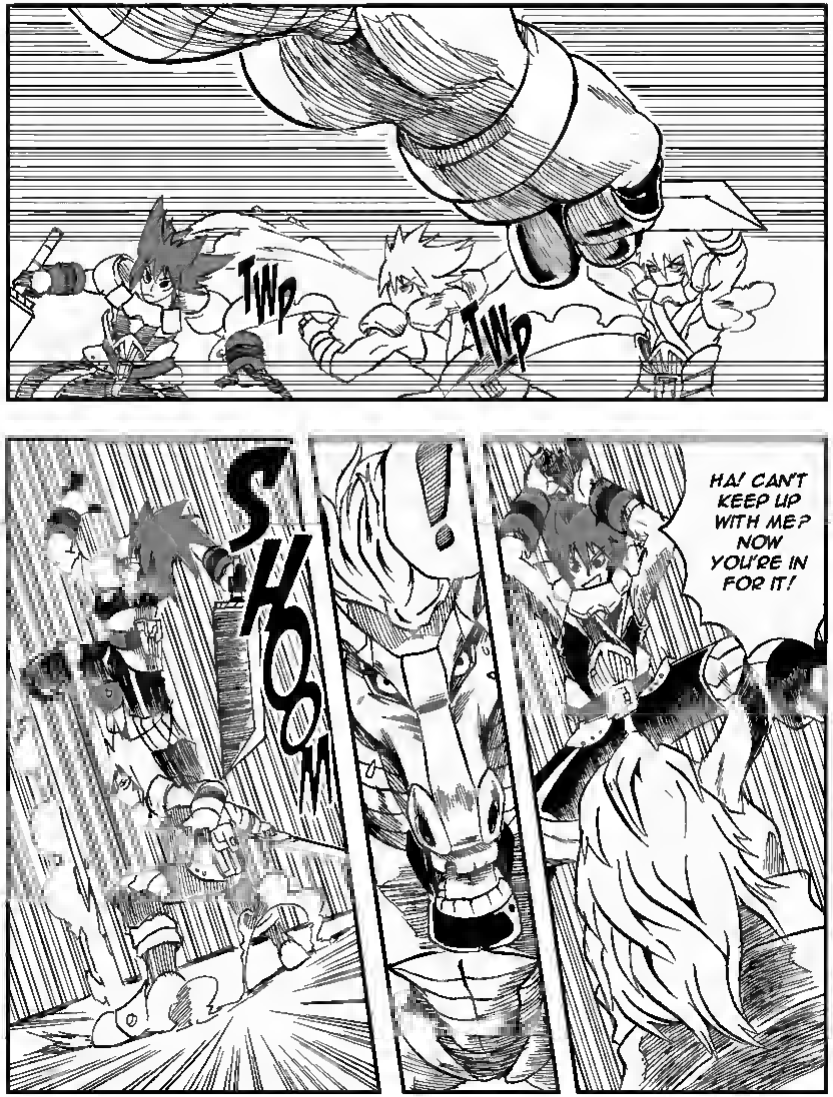
SLASH!

TA
DUN!!
I HOPE YOUR HEAD WON'T CRACK WHEN YOU FALL DOWN, STUPID HUMAN! BWUHAHAHA...

YYAAAAA!

GEEZ YOUR HAIR IS IMPOSSIBLE!
SHEEESH! I BET YOU HAVEN'T MET CLASH. THAT DUDE HAS TREE BRANCHES HE CALLS HAIR.

ARGH!
IT HURTS!
HAHAHA...
STUPID
HUMAN!
KA'
BAM!!


TWP
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SHOOM
!
HA! CAN'T KEEP UP WITH ME? NOW YOU'RE IN FOR IT!

WHAM!!
SWEET DREAMS, HORSY...
THUG!
... CURSE YOU...
(SIGH) SHUT UP ALREADY!

WHEW! GLAD THAT'S OVER. WONDER HOW MUCH I'LL GET FOR BUSTING UP THIS CREEP.
BEING A MONSTER HUNTER SURE IS TOUGH. I CAN'T BE-LIEVE I'M STILL DOING THIS. HEHE...
<SIGH>
OH! MY "SLASH POINT."
I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT IT.
HMMM... WHERE DID I PUT THAT SLASH COUNTER?
WOOOW... I ALMOST GOT NAILED THERE. THAT HEAD FALL SURE TOOK A LOT OF PUNCH.
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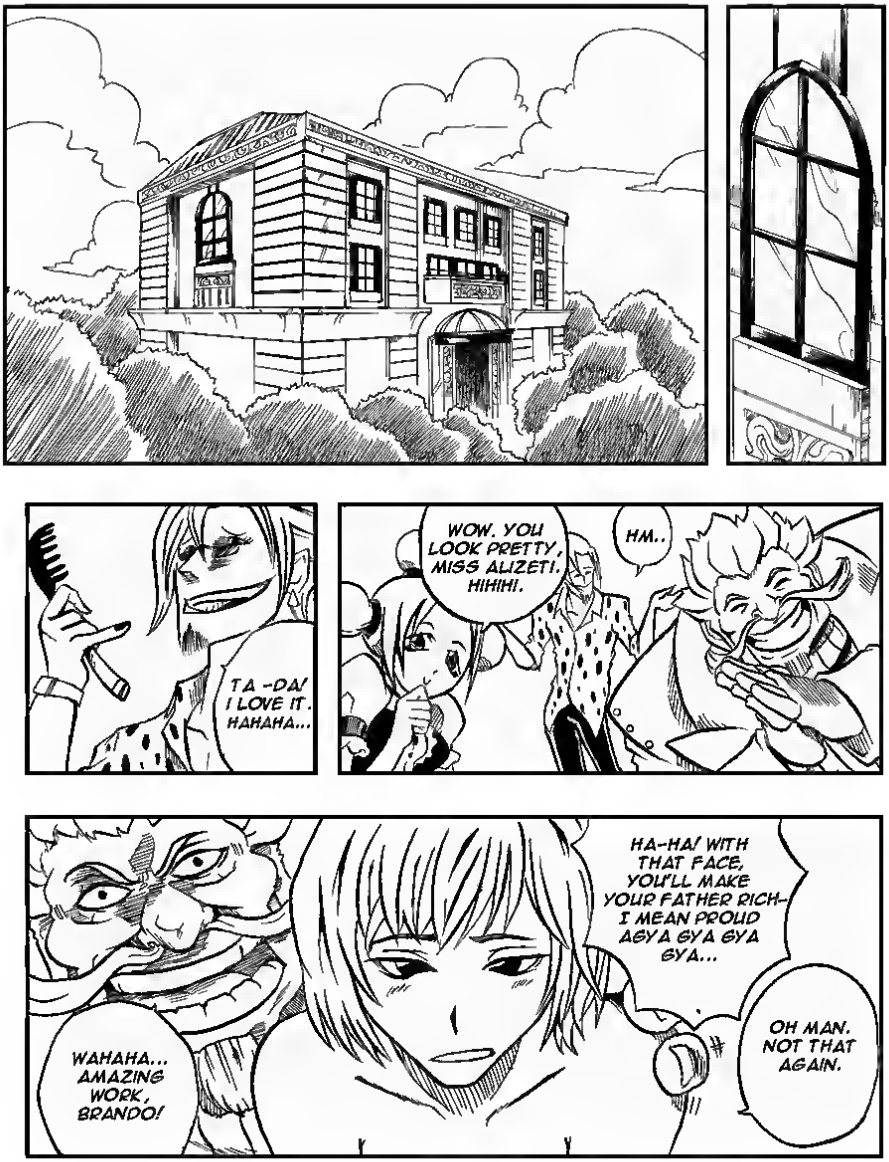
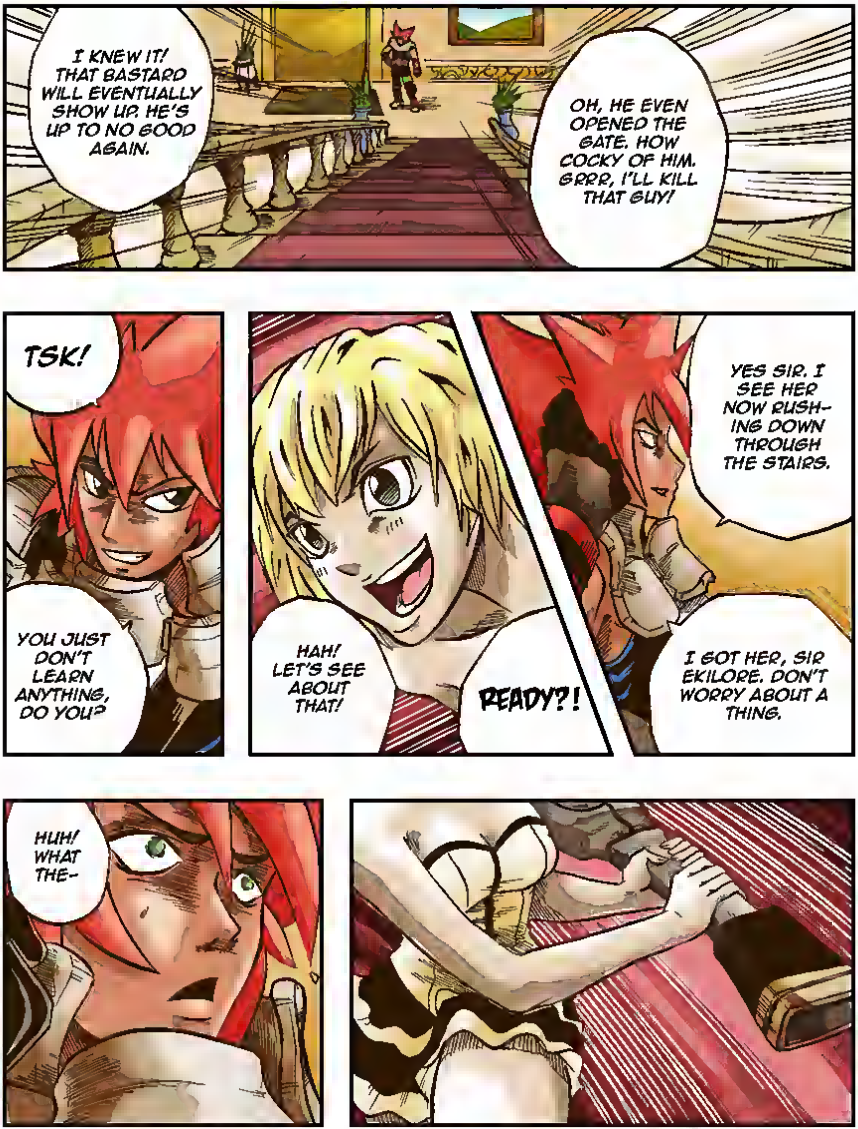
GUESS I NEED TO WORK MORE ON MY DEFENSE TO LESSEN THE DAMAGE.


TA-DA! I LOVE IT. HAHAHA...
WOW. YOU LOOK PRETTY, MISS ALIZETI. HIHIHI.
HM..
HA-HA! WITH THAT FACE, YOU'LL MAKE YOUR FATHER RICH- I MEAN PROUD AGYA GYA GYA GYA...
OH MAN. NOT THAT AGAIN.
WAHAHA... AMAZING WORK, BRANDO!

UUUUGH... DAMN IT, DAD! I TOLD YOU I HATE BEING PAIRED TO ANYONE. THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT!
HUH, THEN WHAT IS IT, DEAR?
I WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE AND RIDE A MOTORBIKE!
SHO-
-OM!
DAMN IT! HERE WE GO AGAIN! AGTA, BAWA AND UNGO! STOP HER!
YEAH!

POW!!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!!!
WHU
MP!
WAK
HELLO? CLASH! SHE'S GETTING AWAY THROUGH THE BACK DOOR. HURRY!
DARN IT! I BET CLASH IS ALREADY HERE.
!
HEY, THAT'S THE WEAPON MY DAD'S BEEN WORKING ON. HMMM...


I KNEW IT! THAT BASTARD WILL EVENTUALLY SHOW UP. HE'S UP TO NO GOOD AGAIN.
OH, HE EVEN OPENED THE GATE. HOW COCKY OF HIM. GRRR, I'LL KILL THAT GUY!
TSK!
YOU JUST DON'T LEARN ANYTHING, DO YOU?
HAH! LET'S SEE ABOUT THAT!
READY?!
YES SIR. I SEE HER NOW RUSHING DOWN THROUGH THE STAIRS.
I GOT HER, SIR EKILORE. DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING.
HUH! WHAT THE-

KLA
ANG!

WHOAH, HER BASH WAS PRETTY HEAVY. IS SHE WORKING OUT OR AM I JUST TIRED RIGHT NOW?
!
PLAYTIME'S OVER, MISSY!
KLANG!
FWD!
SORRY, BUT I'M NOT QUITE DONE YET, CLASH.

THUG!
!!
SAYS WHO?
HMPH! YOUR AUDACITY IS YOUR DOWNFALL.
GOOD JOB, MR. CLASH. YOU'RE TRULY RELIABLE. WE JUST CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU. AGYA GYA GYA...
JUST DOING MY JOB, SIR.

TAKE HER AGAIN TO HER ROOM.
URR.. DARN IT.
!
IS SHE- CRYING?...
I HATE EVERYONE OF YOU!!! I HATE ALL OF YOU!!
...
CAN YOU NOT UNDERSTAND? I WANT TO DO SOMETHING ELSE... PLEASE, DAD.
(SNIFF) SACRIFICING MY FREEDOM FOR YOUR SELFISH DREAM IS JUST TOO MUCH...
HOW COULD YOU?!

I TOLD YOU BEFORE, ALIZETI. THESE THINGS ARE NOT JUST FOR MY DREAM.
HONESTLY, IT IS FOR...
...OUR SECURITY.
DON'T WORRY. EVERYTHING WILL BE JUST FINE. YOU'LL SEE. AGYA GYA GYA GYA..
LIAR!
YOU'LL HOOK ME UP AGAIN WITH SOME FILTHY RICH GUY!
BUT EVENTUALLY YOU'LL FAIL BECAUSE I'LL PROBABLY DO SOMETHING BAD TO THAT GUY SO HE COULD HATE ME.
CAN YOU NOT SEE THAT I DON'T WANNA GET MARRIED! I JUST WANT TO BE OUT OF THIS STINKING HOUSE! YOU KNOW WHAT-!

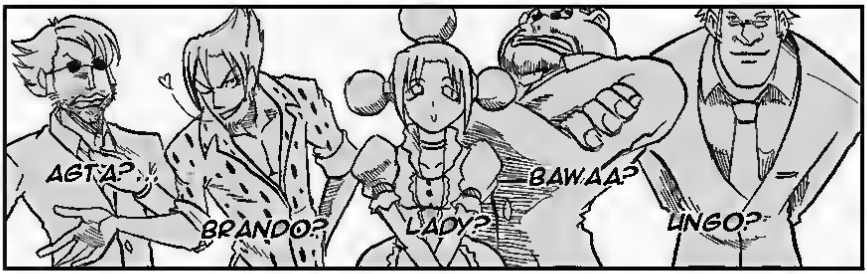
YOU DON'T EVEN LET ME STEP OUT OF THIS HOUSE ON MY OWN AND I'M ALREADY NINE-TEEN, DAMN IT! YOU EVEN LET THIS MONEY EATER DIMWIT HOLD ME UP EVERY TIME I TRY TO ESCAPE. WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU, DAD?!
W-WELL, YOU SEE... I-IT'S NOT THAT YOU NEED TO MARRY SOMEONE. IT'S JUST THAT I'M HOPING YOU'LL FIND A RICH ONE FOR ME- OH I MEAN- FOR YOU.
SHUT UP, DAD!
AND FOR THE BIKE THING,, ..W-WELL YOU CAN RIDE THAT-
AFTER YOU GET A DE-PENDABLE RICH GUY, HE'LL DRIVE FOR YOU.
YOUR BRAIN HAS NOTHING BUT YOUR INVENTIONS, YOUR MONEY, AND MY MARRIAGE - FOR YOUR OWN SAKE!

I JUST WISH THIS HOUSE JUST BLEW UP BY ITSELF SO I COULD GET AWAY FROM HERE!!
-HUH!! MISS ALIZETI...
...M-MISS ALIZETI IS SERIOUSLY MAD THIS TIME.
OH NO, D- DON'T SAY THAT, ALIZETI.
I-I'M SORRY ABOUT EVERYTHING. WELL THE TRUTH IS...

KRAH KWA!
AAAAAHH!!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD JUST HAPPENED?!...

DID SOMETHING JUST HIT THE MANSION?...



DID WE JUST DIE?

DAMN IT!

THAT WAS IT?!

<SOB> I WAS NOT ABLE TO PROTECT ANYBODY. ...
<SOB> I CAN'T EVEN SAVE ALIZETI AND SHE'S JUST IN MY ARMS
..... CL- CLASH... ...
!
ALIZETI! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE ALIVE!!! HOORAY!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT? ERR. I-I FEEL WEIRD...
MISS ALIZETI ... <SOB> I REALLY THOUGHT I LOST YOU BACK THERE. ...
OH.... CLASH, C-COULD YOU-

STOP HUGGING ME! IT SEEMS YOU'RE ENJOYING IT TOO MUCH, PERVERT!!
S-SORRY - JUST TRYING TO TEST YOUR REFLEXES.
POK!
ANYWAY, WHERE THE HELL ARE WE? WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO? Y'KNOW WHAT, I HAD A SCARY DREAM WHERE A FLASH OF LIGHT-
ALIZET!
EVERYONE DIED.
SORRY BUT IT WAS NOT A NIGHTMARE, ALIZET!...
IT WAS ALL REAL... THE MANSION GOT HIT BY SOMETHING SO DESTRUCTIVE IT INCINERATED ALMOST EVERYTHING BUT US.
SORRY,... ALIZET!... BUT EVERYONE'S GONE NOW... EVERYBODY DIED....
... INCLUDING YOUR DAD. ...

I KNOW THAT YOU'RE STILL UPSET ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, BUT WE NEEDED TO HURRY OUT OF THAT AREA.
IT SEEMS THAT THE BOMBER SERIOUSLY WANTED TO WIPE EVERBODY IN THE MANSION-
WAIT.
WHY ARE WE ALIVE?
...
IT'S BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE PRO-TECTION THAT OUR BODY POSSES. -SOUL LINKED AEGIS SUPPORTING HEGEMONY
BETTER KNOWN AS SLASH.

SLASH?... A PROTECTION? DOES THIS MEAN I ONLY SURVIVED BECAUSE OF THAT THING.
HOW DID YOU KNOW I HAVE IT?
HERE'S A SLASH DETECTOR. IT CAN SENSE THE HOLDER'S AMOUNT OF SLASH.
I'LL DEMONSTRATE.
THE NUMBER ABOVE IS MY REMAINING SLASH POWER.
BIP!
SLASH.
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-AND THE BOTTOM PART IS MY SLASH'S FULL CAPACITY. MY MONSTER HUNTING AND THE EXPLOSION PROBABLY LESSENED MY SLASH.
HERE. IT'S YOUR TURN. PRESS IT.
BIP!
LEM'ME SEE.

HOW'S THIS?
SLASH
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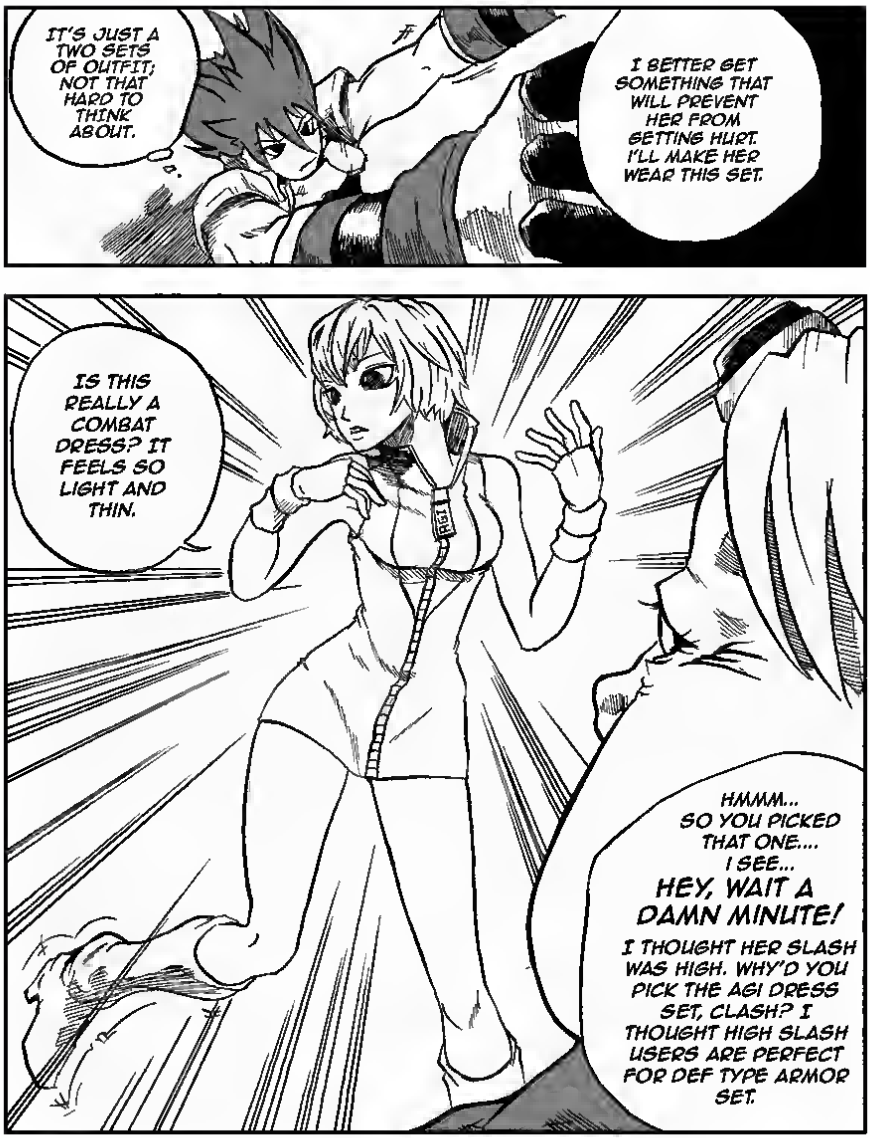
WHAT THE HELL?!
HAVING A SLASH IS ALREADY ODD FOR HER. BUT EXCEEDING THE 9999 LIMIT?! THAT'S ABSURD!
IT'S AMAZING! HOW ON EARTH DID SHE GET HER SLASH TO RISE LIKE THAT?
H-HEY! WHY ARE YOU FREAKIN' OUT LIKE THAT? YOU'RE SCARING ME.
OW, SORRY IT'S JUST ... YOUR SLASH IS UNBELIEVABLY HIGH THAN I EXPECTED. IT'S REALLY SUPER STRONG! I'M JUST SHOCKED. THAT'S ALL.

SUPER STRONG..., HAHAHA... REALLY? DOES THIS MEAN I CAN USE THIS...
2831 / 12143
-TO TAKE REVENGE ON THOSE WHO KILLED MY FOLKS?!
TELL ME, CLASH! CAN I USE IT TO SLAY THOSE WHO DESTROYED EVERYTHING FROM ME?!
...
EVEN THOUGH MY DAD'S A JERK, HE DIDN'T DESERVE TO DIE LIKE THAT. I CAN'T FORGIVE THOSE VILE MURDERERS!

A LIGHT THAT COULD INCINERATE A WHOLE MANOR... HMPH! PROBABLY THE GOVERNMENT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.
BY THE WAY, WHEN DO YOU GUYS PLAN TO GET MARRIED?
YUCK!
GRANDMA!

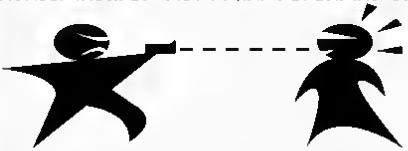
DAMN IT! HOW COULD YOU BE SO INSENSITIVE, OLD PIG?! HER FOLKS JUST DIED!
OH, COME ON. YOU'RE ALL TOO GLOOMY EVER SINCE YOU CAME IN. I'M JUST BREAKIN' THE ICE.
THANK YOU, MRS. MAGMA. I'LL BE LEAVING NOW. THANKS FOR THE TEA AND LETTING ME REST HERE.
CLASH, I WOULDN'T ASK YOU ANYMORE TO TEACH ME HOW TO FIGHT AND TO USE THIS SLASH THING.
NOW, LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE! IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT! YOU, OLD HOG!
POK!
HOW DARE YOU SMACK ME IN THE HEAD, BOY!
ARGH!
BAM!
HEY! WAIT... I'M SORRY FOR WHAT I'VE SAID.
I'M JUST NOT THAT AT EASE TO A MURKY ATMOSPHERE. I NEVER MEANT TO OFFEND YOU. ... BUT I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO LEAVE JUST YET. NOW THAT I KNOW YOUR PURSUERS ARE NOT OF ORDINARY, I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU'LL STICK WITH US.
YOU SEE I'M PRETTY MUCH INDEBTED TO YOUR FATHER, SO I COULD AT LEAST TAKE CARE OF YOU FOR THE MEAN TIME. HEHE...

I ALSO HEARD FROM YOUR FATHER THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY RELATIVES. YOUR PARENTS ARE MARRIED ORPHANS WHO GAINED WEALTH THROUGH THEIR OWN HARD WORK AND TALENTS. YOU GOT NO WHERE TO GO.
...
O -OKAY.
ALRIGHT THEN/ WELCOME ABOARD THE VEZECHA CLAN/ HAHAHA...
ALIZETI, MAY I REMIND YOU THAT YOU'LL BE SLEEPING IN CLASH'S ROOM AND CLASH WILL BE SLEEPING IN THIS LIVING ROOM.
OH MAN..
NO, I'LL SLEEP HERE INSTEAD. IT WON'T BOTHER ME AT ALL.
AND CLASH, GIVE HER SOME COMBAT DRESS. YOU SAID YOU'VE SEEN HER SLASH, RIGHT? YOU KNOW WHAT TO PICK. SHE NEEDS TO GET USED TO THE DRESS IMMEDIATELY IF SHE WANTS TO TRAIN FAST.
SURE, GRAN'MA MAGMA.
<SIGH>
I GUESS I DON'T NEED TO KEEP THIS DRESS FOR HER BIRTHDAY ANYMORE.


IT'S JUST A TWO SETS OF OUTFIT; NOT THAT HARD TO THINK ABOUT.
I BETTER GET SOMETHING THAT WILL PREVENT HER FROM GETTING HURT. I'LL MAKE HER WEAR THIS SET.
IS THIS REALLY A COMBAT DRESS? IT FEELS SO LIGHT AND THIN.
HMMM... SO YOU PICKED THAT ONE.... I SEE...
HEY, WAIT A DAMN MINUTE!
I THOUGHT HER SLASH WAS HIGH. WHY'D YOU PICK THE AGI DRESS SET, CLASH? I THOUGHT HIGH SLASH USERS ARE PERFECT FOR DEF TYPE ARMOR SET.

OH I GET IT. YOU WANT HER TO WEAR REVEALING CLOTHES FOR YOUR OWN CONTENTMENT. TSK! HOW DIRTY!
DAMN IT! SHUT UP!
IF YOU DON'T WANT IT THEN USE THE OTHER ONE!
KA-B-LAM!
!
THAT BOY IS SUCH A SORE LOSER WHEN IT COMES TO JOKES HAHA.. ACTUALLY I KNOW WHY HE MADE YOU WEAR THE AGI DRESS.
CAN YOU GUESS WHY?
BEATS ME. I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT SLASH IS.
DANG! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT AND YOU WANT US TO TRAIN YOU!
WHAT DID YOUR OLD MAN TEACH YOU ANYWAY?!

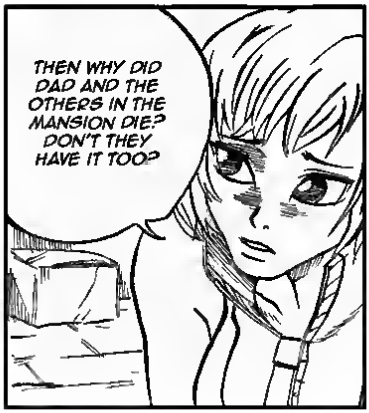
YOU SEE A SLASH IS LIKE AN INVISIBLE SHIELD THAT YOU HAVE ALL THE TIME. IT'S A MYSTERIOUS POWER THAT PROTECTS A PERSON FROM INJURY, FOR EXAMPLE...IF A PERSON WITH SLASH HAS BEEN SHOT IN ANY PART OF THE BODY, THAT PERSON WON'T GET PHYSICALLY INJURED RIGHT AWAY DEPENDING ON HOW STRONG THE HARM INFLICTED.

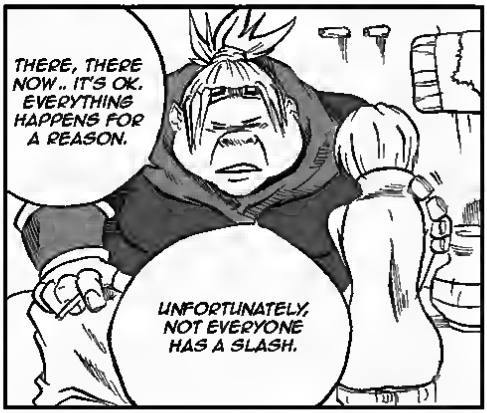


GUN SHOT = 200 LEVEL ATTACK

500/500 SLASH = BEFORE HIT
300/500 SLASH = AFTER HIT

TO MAKE IT SIMPLE, A PERSON WITH A 500 SLASH CAN WITHSTAND A 200 LEVEL ATTACK BUT LEAVING THAT PERSON WITH ONLY 300 SLASH. THUS, A HIGHER LEVEL OF ATTACK THAN A PERSON'S SLASH WILL MAKE HIM VULNERABLE TO PHYSICAL HARM. THAT'S BASICALLY IT.





HOW DOES ONE ACQUIRE IT? CAN IT BE BOUGHT? HOW MUCH?
THERE'S ONLY TWO WAYS. IT'S EITHER YOU HAVE IT OR YOU TRAINED FOR IT.
CLASH AMAZINGLY MADE 7000 SLASH JUST THROUGH TRAINING
REALLY? HAHAHA... BUT MINE IS 12,500 SLASH!
WHAT?!
N-NO WAY!!
LEM'ME SEE!!
IT IS OVER 10,000 SLASH. AMAZING... BUT YOUR OTHER STATS ARE INCREDIBLY LOW.
?
WHAT?! THERE'S MORE?! WHAT ARE THESE STATS YOU'RE TELLING ME?!
IT'S YOUR STRENGTH, AGILITY, DEFENSE, DEXTERITY AND SPIRIT...

WELL, THERE ARE THOSE SLASH USERS WHO EXCEL FROM SOME STATS. THESE STATS GIVE YOU DIFFERENT EFFECTS ON YOUR BODY AND COMBAT SKILLS...

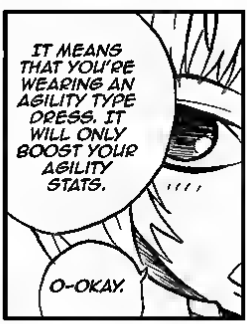
STRENGTH... BOOSTS OUT YOUR MUSCLES, MAKING YOU HIT HARD IN USING CONTACT WEAPONS OR MELEE GADGETS.

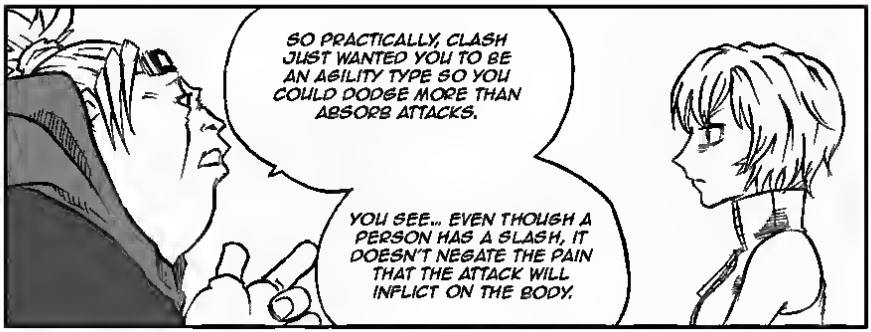
AGILITY... BOOSTS YOUR SPEED AND ENABLES YOU TO DODGE EVEN MORE.

DEFENSE... IT LESSENS THE ATTACK LEVEL YOU RECEIVED.

DEXTERITY... BOOSTS YOUR CONCENTRATION WHICH HELPS YOU TO FOCUS YOUR ATTACK, NULLIFYING A PERSON'S SLASH TO INFLICT PHYSICAL DAMAGE. THIS IS THE HARDEST STAT TO ENHANCE.

SPIRIT... LEGEND SAYS, IT BOOSTS OUT YOUR POTENCY TO CONNECT WITH SPIRITUAL BEINGS AND COMMAND THE ELEMENTS... IN MY YEARS OF EXISTENCE, I HAVE YET TO SEE ONE.




SO PRACTICALLY, CLASH JUST WANTED YOU TO BE AN AGILITY TYPE SO YOU COULD DODGE MORE THAN ABSORB ATTACKS.
YOU SEE... EVEN THOUGH A PERSON HAS A SLASH, IT DOESN'T NEGATE THE PAIN THAT THE ATTACK WILL INFLICT ON THE BODY.

IT WILL STILL BE FELT NORMALLY BY THE ASSAULTED PERSON. CLASH BELIEVES THAT GIRLS ARE PRETTY MUCH SENSITIVE TO PAIN SO HE THOUGHT OF MAKING YOU AN AGILITY TYPE. YOU'LL BE DODGING ATTACKS MORE THAN ENDURING THEM. HAHAHA.. THAT BOY SURE THINKS RIGHT SOMETIMES.
OW.

BY THE WAY, HERE ARE YOUR CURRENT STATS.
CLASH
SLASH: 7489
STR: 75
AGI: 52
DEF: 65
DEX: 25
SPR: 1
ALIZETI
SLASH: 12 143
STR: 3
AGI: 2
DEF: 1
DEX: 1
SPR: 1
WHAT THE?! SHIT! IT'S INCREDIBLY LOW!

AAAH!!
CLASH!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, BOY?! WHERE ARE YOU?!
CLASH! OH, NO! WHAT HAPPENED HERE?!

WHO'S THAT?
HELLO THERE. IT'S BEEN A WHILE, GRANDMA MAGMA. HOW'VE BEEN?
HEY MISS. DASH VEZECHA PEACE-OUT YO!
TO BE CONTINUED...

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